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Dear Ray,

Had a call from John Berendt of Esquire today. They will soon be doing something further on the Warren Report. He was the editor on the current story. They now have apparently little interest in the single-bullet theory, so I could not very well refer him to you on that. When he started asking me about the Nix and Muxhmore films, this gave me the opportunity, especially on the speeds, of which I have made no special study.

If you hear from him, you can take it from there. I have gotten quite a few plugs in for you. Hope they do some good. We never know. I haven't gotten a single letter from the Sahl show (if the book is generally available in LA there is no reason why I should, but I am surprized) and haven't gotten a dozen from the entire trip!

The New York Post is about to do something. What I may learn more about next week when I'm to see the writer, Mike Berlin. Had a long phone conversation with him Tuesday. He's to call tonight to confirm a meeting in DC for this coming Tuesday. I have a hunch that may be wrong that their interest will be more in the authors than the story. I have a few queries because of the sad history of the so-called liberal Post on this subject and because when I encouraged him to get in touch with Sylvia, of whom he said he had never heard, and I told him how to get in touch with her at work, when he did phone her he said Kupferman suggested it. He got a kick out of your title, as did a number of media people to whom I spoke.

Sylvia, meanwhile, has good news that I hope beats this letter to all of you. Dobbs-Merrill is doing her book. She is going to update it. I encouraged her to hurry, as much as she can with her regular commitments that now are a little greater with her boss away. We had a phone chat last night for the first time in a while.

I have ordered an 8x10 print of 749, to be made directly from the negative, among a number of other things. If it is ready Tassday, when again I'll be in DC, I also expect to see an old friend who will then be in DC and who is an extremely competent photographer. Incidently, if any of you discover any need for such services, he is a Walter-Reed-trained medical photographer. I have also written the head of the Archives protesting the reports I have been getting that other than current government investigators are to be given access to the Xrays and photos and demanding equality of treatment, and I pointed out that the members of the former Commission currently have no such standing. I think you get the point. I am getting two copies of 749. Hal Verb is also interested. I'll be able to lend you people one for a couple of week after I get it if you are interested. Or, if you want your own, I can tell you how clear it is after I get it, if you so desire. Please remind Dave of the identification of several documents he is going to send me. I hope the rest of you have time to give thought to the things I said I'd like to hear from you on for inclusion in WHITEWASH III. Also, I am getting a document in which Hoover is supposed to have receipted 169 35mm slides from LIFE. Only 160 are printed. I have confirmation from the reporter who spoke to LIFE (Richard Levine, Balt. Sun, story a.m. 12/22) that they say they did accidently damaged Zapruder original. But the details differ from those I got from Larry Schiller.

Best to you all